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## Tax Commission names deputy executive director

An Orem resident and auditing division deputy director of the Utah State Tax Commission was named the agency's deputy executive director Monday.

Scott W. Smith, a certified public account who has been with the Tax Commission since 1986, fills the position left vacant when Barry Conover was named executive director earlier this year.

"Scott has a long track record of excellent public service," said Mr. Conover. "I am confident in his abilities, leadership and knowledge as he takes over in this administrative position."

As deputy tax division director, Mr. Smith directed auditors and audit managers, led the annual implementation of new state tax legislation and worked directly with industry leaders on compliance issues.

He has an extensive background in complex tax laws, including implementation of tax policy and state tax law compliance.

"I am excited to continue to serve the citizens of Utah by working to promote a tax environment that is understandable and fair," Mr. Smith said following his appointment.

Smith, a certified public accountant, holds a bachelor's of science degree in accounting and is a certified public manager.

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